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TITLE: METHOD FOR OPERATING A WELDING DEVICE AND ONE  
SUCH WELDING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to further examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 8 of this paper.